

2013 City-Referred Measures

Measure 26-150

Ballot Title Caption: Renew five-year levy to prevent child abuse, child hunger

On Dec. 5th, 2012, the Portland City Council adopted Resolution 36979, referring a local option levy renewal measure to Portland voters at the May 21, 2013 Special Election ballot.

Resolution 36979

Exhibit A

Exhibit B

Status:

12/5/12 - Resolution 36979 adopted by Council; seven-day ballot title challenge period begins; an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title in the Multnomah County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, Dec. 14th, 2012.

12/19/12 - Auditor files Notice of City Measure Election with Multnomah County Elections

12/19/12 - Multnomah County Elections Office confirms receipt of Notice of City Measure Election and gives measure number 26-150

2/6/13 - Date for required TSCC* public hearing for measure 26-150: April 25th, 2013. 10:00AM, Rose Room, City Hall, (1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland OR 97204)

3/18/13 - Explanatory statement filed with Multnomah County Elections Division

5/21/13 - Voters approved measure 26-150

[*Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission](#)

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION

Renew five-year levy to prevent child abuse, child hunger

QUESTION: Shall Portland continue abuse, neglect prevention, children's programs; five-year levy \$0.4026 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2014; require audits?

STATEMENT

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY:

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Accountability measures include:

- Investments subject to annual audits.

- Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success.
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- Administrative costs cannot exceed 5%.

It is estimated the levy will raise an average of \$10.56 million per year for five years.

RESOLUTION No. 3 6 9 7 9

Refer renewal of Portland Children's Levy to City voters as a local option levy for five years commencing in FY 2014-15 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, in 2002 City voters approved the creation of the Portland Children's Levy through a five-year tax levy to improve the lives of Portland children.

WHEREAS, in 2008 City voters approved the renewal of the Portland Children's Levy.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy on average has annually supported programs for more than 14,000 Portland children who might otherwise grow up without a healthy start and the positive influences that lead to success in school and beyond.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy supports 65 different early childhood, after school and mentoring programs, child abuse prevention and intervention, and foster care programs throughout Portland.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has kept its commitment to voters by funding only programs which are cost effective and have a proven record of success.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has kept its commitment to voters by limiting its administrative costs to less than 5%.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has leveraged its public funds with private funds, generating over \$6 million during the last two levies in additional private investments for children in the City of Portland.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has supported early childhood programs which have prepared children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has supported after school and mentoring programs which have helped student stay engaged in school and safe after school.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has supported child abuse prevention and intervention programs to ensure the families who are most at-risk receive the support and intervention services they need.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has invested in programs which have helped foster children succeed.

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy has invested in programs which have supported child hunger prevention efforts; the City Council believes the Levy should create a specific program category to target funding for programs to prevent childhood hunger.

WHEREAS, the residents of City of Portland should be allowed to vote to continue the Portland Children's Levy, renewing the local option tax at \$0.4026 per thousand dollars of assessed value, which will raise approximately \$52.8 million for the five-year period of the levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council submits an Act, attached hereto as Exhibit A, entitled: "A Measure to renew the Portland Children's Levy by directing a five year local option ad valorem tax levy within the City of Portland at a rate of \$0.4026 per thousand dollars of assessed value, outside certain constitutional limitations, commencing in fiscal year 2014-15." be, and the same hereby is, submitted to the legal voters of the City of Portland, Oregon, for their adoption or rejection at the general election in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County to be held on May 21, 2013. Each voter who votes upon said proposed measure shall vote "yes" or "no" in the space indicated for such vote on the City ballot at said election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council submits the ballot title for the May 21, 2013 election ballot, as shown in the attached Exhibit B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Auditor to publish the ballot title as shown in Exhibit B in accordance with City Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the funds collected from the Children's Levy shall be used for the purpose of continuing the Portland Children's Levy which will continue to make targeted investments in proven, cost effective early childhood programs, programs for children in foster care, child abuse prevention and intervention and after school, summer and mentoring programs for children, and to prevent child hunger. The levy will extend for a period of five years and the estimated amount to be collected and spent for those programs over the five-year period of the levy is \$52,800,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sponsoring elected official may submit an explanatory statement to the City Auditor for the publication in the voters' pamphlet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Auditor is directed to forward to the County Elections Office all material necessary to place this measure on the May 21, 2013 election ballot.

Adopted by the Council: DEC 05 2012

Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Prepared by: S. Callahan
Date Prepared: November 21, 2012

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

Exhibit A
AN ACT

A Measure to renew the Children's Investment Fund by directing a five-year local option ad valorem property tax levy within the City of Portland at a rate of \$0.4026 per thousand dollars of assessed value, outside certain constitutional limitations, commencing in fiscal year 2014-15.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON**

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 7-112 of the Charter of the City of Portland, the Council shall levy for each of five successive years commencing with the fiscal year 2014-15, at the time taxes are levied for the payment of expenses of the City, a special tax at a rate of \$0.4026 per thousand dollars of assessed value, on all property in the City of Portland not exempt from taxation. The proceeds from such levy shall be placed in a special fund to be designated as the Children's Investment Fund to be administered by the Portland Children's Levy. The money in this fund shall be expended only for purposes of cost effective, proven early childhood programs, child abuse prevention and intervention, programs targeted at foster children, after school, summer and mentoring programs for children, and programs targeted at addressing childhood and family hunger. No more than 5% of the fund may be spent for expenses associated with administering the fund. The fund shall be subject to annual audit. An Allocation Committee, composed of at least five members, shall make recommendations regarding the expenditure of funds from the Children's Investment Fund to the Portland City Council. This local option levy is specifically authorized, and it shall not be counted as within the limitation provided in Sections 11 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon. This levy shall, however, be subject to proportional reduction under Section 11(11)(c)(B)(I) of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon. This special tax hereby authorized shall be in addition to all other taxes that may be levied according to law.

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| <p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Saltzman</p> | <p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>NOV 30 2012</u></p> |
| <p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p> | <p>LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Deputy</p> |
| <p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Bureau Head:</p> | |
| <p>Prepared by: S. Callahan Date Prepared: November 28, 2012</p> | <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> |
| <p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> | |
| <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | |
| <p>Council Meeting Date December 5th, 2012</p> | |
| <p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p> | |

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: 9:30 AM

Total amount of time needed: 45
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: _____
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

| FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA | COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS: | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------|------|
| | | YEAS | NAYS |
| 1. Fritz | 1. Fritz | ✓ | |
| 2. Fish | 2. Fish | ✓ | |
| 3. Saltzman | 3. Saltzman | ✓ | |
| 4. Leonard | 4. Leonard | ✓ | |
| Adams | Adams | ✓ | |

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May 2013 Special Election Official Results

| CITY MEASURES | | | | | |
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| <u>Measure 26-150</u> | Multnomah | Clackamas | Washington | Total | % |
| Yes | 118,658 | 134 | 234 | 119,026 | 74.79% |
| No | 39,914 | 109 | 92 | 40,115 | 25.21% |
| TOTAL | 158,572 | 243 | 326 | 159,141 | 100.00% |
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| <u>Measure 26-151</u> | Multnomah | Clackamas | Washington | Total | % |
| Yes | 64,728 | 114 | 162 | 65,004 | 39.42% |
| No | 99,573 | 134 | 173 | 99,880 | 60.58% |
| TOTAL | 164,301 | 248 | 335 | 164,884 | 100.00% |
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